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SUBJ: SOVIET-INSPIRED RUMORS OF ROMANIAN LEADERSHIP PROBLEMS

REFS: (A) TEHRAN 8691 (NOTAL); (B) BUCHAREST 4538

1. REF A REPORTED CONVERSATION BETWEEN SOVIET AND IRANIAN AMBASSADORS AT UN IN WHICH FORMER ATTRIBUTED CURTAILMENT OF CEAUSESCU'S US VISIT TO "CLOSE VOTE IN CENTRAL COMMITTEE" (IMPLYING SUPPOSED ROMANIAN LEADERSHIP STRUGGLE). SOVIET EMBOFFS HERE HAD INITIALLY CLAIMED VISIT WAS CUT SHORT BECAUSE OF ALLEGED DISSATISFACTION BY CEAUSESCU HIMSELF WITH US TRIP RESULTS (REF B), AN UNTENABLE LINE GIVEN FACT THAT DECISION ALREADY MADE KNOWN TO USG AT BEGINNING OF TRIP. SOVIET LINE HERE HAS APPARENTLY SHIFTED, HOWEVER, SINCE TWO WESTERN AMBASSADORS HAVE REPORTED THAT SOVIET CHARGE MASLENNIKOV AND COUNSELLOR PESHCHERSKY CLAIMED THERE HAS BEEN INTERNAL CRITICISM OF CEAUSESCU'S VISIT TO US COMING FROM ONETIME CEAUSESCU RIVAL GHEORGHE APOSTOL. SOVIET OFFICIALS HAVE ALSO REPORTEDLY INTRODUCED APOSTOL TO WESTERN DIPLOMAT AT RECENT RECEPTION AS "MAN IMPORTANT TO KNOW FOR THE FUTURE." COMMENT: IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT APOSTOL, AGE 60, WHO NO LONGER HOLDS ANY SIGNIFICANT PARTY POST, CREATED SCENE AT GNA SESSION LAST SPRING ON HOUSING LAW UNTIL HE WAS SQUELCHED BY CEAUSESCU. ALTHOUGH APOSTOL MAY BE IN POSITION TO PROVOKE SIMILAR MINOR EMBARRASMENTS, IT IS DIFFICULT TO PICTURE HIM
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(USUALLY REGARDED HERE AS SOVIET-INCLINED HASBEEN) AS SERIOUS POLITICAL THREAT.

2. AS FOR REF A STATEMENT ABOUT MAURER, DIFFERENCES HAVE

EXISTED AND CONTINUE TO EXIST BETWEEN CEAUSESCU AND MAURER
ON ECONOMIC QUESTIONS AND PROBABLY ALSO ON LEADERSHIP STYLE
BUT THEY DO NOT EXTEND TO ROMANIA'S INDEPENDENT POLICY; IF
ANYTHING, MAURER HAS BEEN AN EVEN STRONGER ADVOCATE OF
INDEPENDENT POLICY THAN CEAUSESCU. MAURER'S RETIREMENT
HAS BEEN RUMORED OFF AND ON FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND MAURER
HIMSELF HAS MADE PERSONAL COMMENTS THAT HAVE, AT DIFFERENT
TIMES, POINTED TOWARD EITHER RETIREMENT OR CONTINUATION--
PERHAPS BASED ON HIS DEGREE OF FRUSTRATION AT THE TIME. HIS
LATEST COMMENTS TO HAVEYDA ARE ACCORDINGLY OF INTEREST AS
REFLECTION OF HIS CURRENT STATE OF MIND.
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